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ISSUE:

Truck Convoy/Blockade of Port of Entry (POE) at Coutts, Alberta.

BACKGROUND:

Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.

The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.

There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.

The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

Current Status as of 1300hrs on 2022-02-15:

Negotiations last evening between CCMG, RCMP Legal Counsel and the counsel retained by the Smugglers protest group were successful, with organizers initially seeking immunity which was quickly denied.

An agreement was reached that the vehicles would all be removed from the roadway and they would vacate the area by 09:00hrs today. As of this morning some were still present but were cleaning up the property to ensure no garbage was left behind.

Tractors were allowed to be stored off roadway and police retained the keys as part of the verbal agreement, to be returned as tractor are departing the scene today.

Roadway lanes opened last night through Coutts, US Border allowed roughly 100 vehicles Southbound from Checkpoint 10 and remains open.

Current numbers of vehicles are indicative of vehicles leaving the protest area.

As of 1300hrs the main site in Coutt's has cleared out of all vehicles.

At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on Highway 4, numbers have dropped significantly, with the majority of vehicles and protesters packing up and leaving.

At CP5 just east of the blockage, numbers have dwindled to 27 personal vehicles and 5 RV's.

Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open with no protest activity to report.

Efforts to dismantle CP10 will commence today, with the goal of voluntary compliance or moving any remaining protesters to the safe protest site in Milk River. Towing assets are staged in proximity to deal with any non-compliance.

Tactical action on February 14th by the Alberta RCMP has resulted in the arrest and charging of 11 people.

A plan is being developed for the allocation of resources moving forward.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

There is an MRO and Spokesperson on-site, providing updates to media.

Media are updated primarily via phone / email or via in-person interview.

Social media continues to be monitored.

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